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German Democratic Republic

FDD Abstract of [REDACTED]

- A. HIGH QUOTAS IMPOSED ON FARMERS (5pp; German; [REDACTED])  
B. INCREASES IN FOOD RATIONS AND REDUCTIONS IN FOOD PRICES FOR 1951 (9 pp; German; [REDACTED])  
C. PROPAGANDA AND WORK PROGRAM OF A NATIONAL FRONT LOCAL COMMITTEE (5 pp; German; [REDACTED])

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A. This part of the report consists of two typewritten documents. The first document reports on the critical situation confronting all farmers in the Soviet Zone, both small and large landowners, because of the impossibility of fulfilling the excessively high crop quotas demanded of them. The problem will be even more severe in 1951, when it is estimated that the harvest will be 20 percent below that of 1950. Attached to the first document as an enclosure, the second document is a detailed report on the emergency conditions existing among the farmers in Kreis Burg, as a result of high quotas. The percentage increases in 1950 quotas over those of 1949 are listed. Several examples are given, showing quota figures and crop yields for individual farmers in the Kreis.

B. This part consists of three sections. The first is a typewritten copy of a law, issued 22 December 1950 by the Council of Ministers, concerning changes in the supply of food for the East Zone population to be effective 1 January 1951. It lists those categories of foods to be purchased ration-free, the reductions in prices for certain food items in MO stores, and the increases in monthly sugar rations for certain groups. The law further directs specified reductions in social insurance payments for certain income groups, depending on age and number of dependent children, and also lists increases to be granted in allowances for orphans and foster-children. The second section consists of the general provisions for the execution of this law, as directed by the Ministry of Trade and Supply. Instructions are given for the system to be used by retail stores, larger organizations (hospitals, etc.), and MO stores in ordering the extra food supplies. The third section, dated 20 December 1950, is a copy of a document written by the Ministry of Trade and Supply, which directs in detail, measures to be taken by the Land, Stadt, and Kreis control commissions, MO trade organizations, and consumers' organizations in administering the increases in consumers' allowances of grain products and the reduction of MO prices. Instructions are given as to information to be submitted by given dates on the total increases in requirements for certain food categories.

C. The third part of the report is an extract of the propaganda and work program of a local committee of the National Front for January-February 1951. This program includes the following tasks: 1) measures to influence West Germans, having as their objective the advancement of the cause of a "united Germany"; 2) formation of local residents' peace committees, under the direction of the city peace committee, for the purpose of gaining more support, in both East and West Germany, for the peace movement and of strengthening West German opposition to rearmament; 3) improvement of the propaganda program; the various means are described in detail; 4) cooperation of the population in the non-ferrous metals scrap drive; and 5) execution of monthly work plans and of a new organizational plan.

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